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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPT. 29, 2008

This response includes a section for amendments to the specification, a section for amendments to the claims, and a section for remarks.

A petition for a ONE month extension of time is included. The office action set a three month shortened statutory period for response. The extended period for response expires on January 29, 2009.

I hereby certify that this paper is being electronically filed from California via the Office electronic filing system in accordance with § 1.6(a)(4) on Jan. 29,

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